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Pump radiation source 106 is optically coupled to device 104 by optical fiber 108, which delivers the pump radiation to a fluorescent element (not shown in FIG. 1) held within a housing 110 of device 104. Optical fiber 108 is flexible and thereby allows device 104 to be freely positioned relative to pump radiation source 106. Alternatively, an articulated arm extending between pump radiation source ~~102~~ 106 and device 104 may be utilized for optical coupling in place of optical fiber 108. In other embodiments of the invention, pump radiation source 106 may be integrated within housing 110 of device 104, obviating the need for optical fiber 108 or equivalent means of delivering the pump radiation.